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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A rearview mirror assembly for a vehicle, the rearview mirror assembly comprising:

a support structure for mounting the mirror assembly to the vehicle, the support structure including a first part ~~[[for]]~~ having a substantially permanent connection to the vehicle and a second part ~~for selective connection to the first part;~~

a support arm ~~on which~~ mounting at least one mirror ~~is mounted,~~
disposed on said first part of the support structure and the second part of the support structure being disposed on the support arm; and

a locking mechanism disposed on the support structure for selectively locking together the first and second parts of the support structure ~~to thereby secure~~ for securing the support arm and mirror to the vehicle, the locking mechanism including a key activated locking mechanism including a key cylinder mounted on the first part of the support structure and a rotatable latch member operatively connected to and rotatable via the key cylinder for selectively lockingly engaging with the second part of the support structure.

Claims 2-6 (withdrawn)

Claims 7-10 (cancelled)

Claims 11-17 (withdrawn)

Claim 18 (previously presented): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, further

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including an adjustment mechanism attached to the support arm, the adjustment mechanism configured to allow the support arm to be pivoted relative to the vehicle.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, wherein the support structure first part includes a clamp receptacle affixed to the vehicle, and the support structure second part includes an insertable component inserted into the clamp receptacle in an inserting direction, further including a slidably installed clamping wedge on the insertable component, the wedge, upon pushing of the insertable component, clampingly locking the insertable component and the clamping wedge to the clamp receptacle.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 19, wherein the clamping wedge is slidable on the insertable component in a direction at right angles to the inserting direction of the insertable component.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, wherein the support structure includes a snap-in detent apparatus arrangement.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 21, wherein the snap-in detent apparatus arrangement includes a snap-in spring element affixed to the support structure first part and which snaps into a corresponding recess in the support structure second part.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, further including a removable cover ~~removably~~ attachable to the support structure first part, ~~removal of the cover exposing~~ for covering the locking mechanism.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 22, further

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Including a removable cover ~~removably~~ attachable to the support structure first part, ~~removal of the~~ said cover ~~exposing~~ covering the locking mechanism and the snap-in spring element.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A rearview mirror assembly as in claim 1, wherein the latch member is hook-shaped.